

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 1. (Currently amended) A device control device comprising:
2 speech recognition means [[2, 3]] which acquires speech data representing a
3 speech and specifies words candidates included in ~~represented by~~ the speech by performing
4 speech recognition on the speech data and calculates a likelihood of each of the specified words
5 candidates;
6 specifying means [[7]] which specifies words included in the speech based on
7 the likelihoods calculated by the speech recognition means and specifies a content of the speech
8 uttered by an utterer based on the words specified ~~by the speech recognition means (2);~~ and
9 a database which stores preceding controls, subsequent controls, and weighting
10 factors, each of which is associated with one another; and
11 process execution means [[7]] which specifies [[a]] content of a subsequent
12 control to be performed on an external device to be a control target based on a currently executed
13 control, a weighting factor stored in association with the currently executed control and the
14 specified content of the uttered speech specified by the specifying means, and performs the
15 subsequent control.

1 2. (Currently amended) The device control device according to claim 1,
2 wherein the speech recognition means [[2, 3]] includes speech part specifying means [[3]]
3 which specifies a part of speech of the specified words, and
4 the specifying means [[7]] specifies a content of the speech uttered by the utterer
5 based only on those of the words specified by the speech recognition means [[2]] which are
6 specified as a predetermined part of speech.

1 3. (Currently amended) The device control device according to claim 2,
2 wherein the specifying means [(7)] discriminates whether or not a combination of a plurality of
3 words in the words specified by the speech recognition means [(2, 3)] which is specified as a
4 predetermined part of speech meets a predetermined condition, and specifies a content of the
5 speech uttered by the utterer based on a discrimination result.

1 4. (Currently amended) The device control device according to claim 1,
2 wherein the specifying means [(7)] holds information which associates words with one or more
3 categories, and specifies a content of the speech uttered by the utterer based on a category in
4 which the words specified by the speech recognition means [(2, 3)] are classified.

1 5. (Currently amended) The device control device according to claim 1,
2 wherein the specifying means [(7)] holds correlation information which associates words of
3 different meanings or different categories with each process of the process execution means
4 [(7)], and specifies a content of the speech uttered by the utterer based on a combination of
5 those words or categories which are specified by the speech recognition means [(2, 3)], and the
6 correlation information.

1 6. (Currently amended) The device control device according to claim 1,
2 wherein the specifying means [(7)] holds information which associates words with one or more
3 categories, and specifies a content of the speech uttered by the utterer based on a category in
4 which a plurality of words specified by the speech recognition means [(2, 3)] are commonly
5 classified.

1 7. (Currently amended) The device control device according to claim 1,
2 wherein the specifying means [(7)] holds a plurality of words assigned to respective processes
3 of the process execution means [(7)], and performs a corresponding process when at least one
4 of the words specified by the speech recognition means [(2, 3)] is a word assigned to the
5 process.

1 8. (Currently amended) The device control device according to claim 1,
2 wherein when a meaning of an input speech is not discriminatable, the specifying means [(7)]
3 prompts an input in a more discriminatable expression.

1 9. (Currently amended) The device control device according to claim 1,
2 further comprising information acquisition means [(7)] which acquires information from an
3 external device, and
4 wherein the specifying means [(7)] selects an output content to be output based
5 on the information acquired by the information acquisition means [(7)].

1 10. (Currently amended) A device control device according to claim 1 further
2 comprising:
3 ~~speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech~~
4 ~~and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech~~
5 ~~data;~~
6 ~~specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer~~
7 ~~based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3);~~
8 ~~process specifying means (7) which specifies a content of control to be performed~~
9 ~~on an external device to be a control target based on the specified content;~~
10 information acquisition means [(7)] which acquires information via
11 predetermined communication means [(7)]; and
12 speech output means [(5)] which outputs a speech based on the information
13 acquired by the information acquisition means [(7)],
14 whereby when the control specified by the process ~~specifying execution~~ means
15 [(7)] is to output information acquired by the information acquisition means [(7)], the speech
16 output means [(5)] outputs a speech based on the information.

11-18. (Canceled)

1 19. (Currently amended) ~~A speech recognition device comprising:~~The device
2 control device according to claim 10,
3 ~~speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech~~
4 ~~and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech~~
5 ~~data;~~
6 ~~specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer~~
7 ~~based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3);~~
8 ~~wherein~~ process specifying means ~~[[(7)]]~~ which specifies a process to be
9 performed based on the specified content of the uttered speech. [[:]]
10 ~~information acquisition means (7) which acquires information via predetermined~~
11 ~~communication means (74); and~~
12 ~~speech output means (5) which outputs a speech based on the information~~
13 ~~acquired by the information acquisition means (7),~~
14 ~~whereby when the process specified by the process specifying means (7) is to~~
15 ~~output information acquired by the information acquisition means (7), the speech output means~~
16 ~~(5) outputs a speech based on the information.~~

20-28. (Canceled)

1 29. (Currently amended) ~~The agent device control device according to claim~~
2 ~~[[20]]1,~~ wherein the ~~specifying process execution~~ means ~~[[(7)]]~~ includes means which, when the
3 process specified as a process to be performed is a process of presenting information externally
4 received to the utterer, performs the presentation by generating a speech which reads out the
5 information.

30. (Canceled)

1 31. (Currently amended) ~~An on-vehicle~~The device control device according
2 to claim 1 so constructed as to be mountable on a vehicle having an ~~external~~on-vehicle device
3 mounted thereon, ~~comprising:~~
4 ~~speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech~~
5 ~~and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech~~
6 ~~data;~~
7 ~~specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer~~
8 ~~based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3); and~~
9 ~~wherein the process extension means [(7)] which specifies a content of control~~
10 ~~to be performed on the on-vehicle device based on the specified content of the uttered speech,~~
11 ~~and performs the specified control.~~

32-38. (Canceled)

1 39. (Currently amended) ~~An on-vehicle~~The device control device according
2 to claim 31 further comprising~~so constructed as to be mountable on a vehicle having an external~~
3 ~~on-vehicle device mounted thereon, comprising:~~
4 ~~speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech~~
5 ~~and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech~~
6 ~~data;~~
7 ~~specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer~~
8 ~~based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3);~~
9 ~~process specifying means (7) which specifies a content of control to be performed~~
10 ~~on the on-vehicle device control device based on the specified content;~~
11 ~~information acquisition means [(7)] which acquires information via~~
12 ~~predetermined communication means [(74)]; and~~
13 ~~speech output means [(5)] which outputs a speech based on the information~~
14 ~~acquired by the information acquisition means [(7)],~~

15 whereby when the control specified by the process ~~specifying execution~~ means
16 [[(7)]] is to output information acquired by the information acquisition means [[(7)]], the speech
17 output means [[(5)]] outputs a speech based on the information.

1 40. (Currently amended) [[A]] The device control device of claim 1
2 incorporated in a navigation device so constructed as to be mountable on a vehicle, comprising:
3 ~~speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech~~
4 ~~and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech~~
5 ~~data;~~
6 ~~specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer~~
7 ~~based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3); and~~
8 wherein the process execution means [[(7)]] which specifies a content of a
9 navigation process to be performed based on the specified content of the uttered speech, and
10 performs the specified navigation process.

41-47. (Canceled)

1 48. (Currently amended) ~~A navigation device so constructed as to be~~
2 ~~mountable on a vehicle, The device control device according to claim 40 further comprising:~~
3 ~~speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech~~
4 ~~and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech~~
5 ~~data;~~
6 ~~specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer~~
7 ~~based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3);~~
8 ~~process specifying means (7) which specifies a content of a navigation processes~~
9 ~~to be performed based on the specified content;~~
10 information acquisition means [[(7)]] which acquires information via
11 predetermined communication means [[(7)]]; and
12 speech output means [[(5)]] which outputs a speech based on the information
13 acquired by the information acquisition means [[(7)]],

14 whereby when the navigation process specified by the process ~~specifying~~
15 execution means ~~[[(7)]]~~ is to output information acquired by the information acquisition means
16 ~~[[(7)]]~~, the speech output means outputs a speech based on the information.

1 49. (Currently amended) ~~[[An]]~~ The device control device of claim 1
2 incorporated in an audio device, comprising:
3 ~~speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech~~
4 ~~and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech~~
5 ~~data;~~
6 ~~specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer~~
7 ~~based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3); and~~
8 wherein the process execution means ~~[[(7)]]~~ which specifies a content of a speech
9 process to be performed based on the specified content of the uttered speech, and performs the
10 specified speech process, or controls an external device in such a way as to cause the external
11 device to perform the specified speech process.

50-56. (Canceled)

1 57. (Currently amended) ~~An audio device~~ The device control device of claim
2 49 further comprising:
3 ~~speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech~~
4 ~~and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech~~
5 ~~data;~~
6 ~~specifying means which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer~~
7 ~~based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3);~~
8 ~~process specifying means (7) which specifies a content of a speech process to be~~
9 ~~performed based on the specified content;~~
10 information acquisition means ~~[[(7)]]~~ which acquires information via
11 predetermined communication means ~~[[(7)]]~~; and

speech output means ~~[(5)]~~ which outputs a speech based on the information acquired by the information acquisition means ~~[(7)]~~,

whereby when the speech process specified by the process specifying means ~~[(7)]~~ is to output information acquired by the information acquisition means ~~[(7)]~~, the speech output means ~~[(5)]~~ outputs a speech based on the information.

58. (Currently amended) A device control method comprising a computer performer:

a speech recognition step of acquiring speech data representing a speech and ~~specifies specifying words candidates included in represented by the speech by performing~~ speech recognition on the speech data and calculating a likelihood of each of the specified words candidates;

a specifying step of specifying words included in the speech based on likelihoods specified in the speech recognition step and specifying a content of the speech uttered by an utterer based on the specified words ~~specified in the speech recognition step;~~ and

a process execution step of specifying ~~[[a]]~~ content of a subsequent control to be performed on an external device to be a control target based on a currently executed control, a predetermined subsequent control, a weighting factor associated with the currently executed control, and the specified content of the uttered speech, and performing the subsequent control.

59. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~The device control method according to claim 58 further comprising:

~~a speech recognition step of acquiring speech data representing a speech and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data;~~

~~a specifying step of specifying a content of the speech uttered by an utterer based on the words specified in the speech recognition step;~~

~~a process specifying step of specifying a content of control to be performed on an external device to be a control target based on the specified content;~~

an information acquisition step of acquiring information via a predetermined communication device; and

11 a speech output step of outputting a speech based on the information acquired in
12 the information acquisition step,
13 whereby when the control specified in the process ~~specifying~~execution step is to
14 output information acquired in the information acquisition step, a speech is output based on the
15 information in the speech output step.

60. (Canceled)

1 61. (Currently amended) ~~A speech recognition method comprising: The~~
2 device control method according to claim 10, wherein the process execution step specifies a
3 process to be performed based on the specified content of the uttered speech.
4 ~~a speech recognition step of acquiring speech data representing a speech and~~
5 ~~specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data;~~
6 ~~a specifying step of specifying a content of the speech uttered by an utterer based~~
7 ~~on the words specified in the speech recognition step;~~
8 ~~a process specifying step of specifying a process to be performed based on the~~
9 ~~specified content;~~
10 ~~an information acquisition step of acquiring information via a predetermined~~
11 ~~communication device; and~~
12 ~~a speech output step of outputting a speech based on the information acquired in~~
13 ~~the information acquisition step,~~
14 ~~whereby when the process specified in the process specifying step is to output~~
15 ~~information acquired in the information acquisition step, a speech is output based on the~~
16 ~~information in the speech output step.~~

62 and 63. (Canceled)

1 64. (Currently amended) ~~An on-vehicle device control method~~ The device
2 control method according to claim 58 for controlling an on-vehicle device mounted on a vehicle,
3 comprising:
4 a ~~speech recognition step of acquiring speech data representing a speech and~~
5 ~~specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data;~~
6 a ~~specifying step of specifying a content of the speech uttered by an utterer based~~
7 ~~on the words specified in the speech recognition step; and~~
8 [[a]]wherein the process execution step of specifying specifies a content of
9 control to be performed on the on-vehicle device on the specified content of the uttered speech,
10 and ~~performing performs~~ the specified control.

1 65. (Currently amended) ~~An on-vehicle device control method for controlling~~
2 ~~an on-vehicle device mounted on a vehicle,~~ The method according to claim 64 further
3 comprising:
4 a ~~speech recognition step of acquiring speech data representing a speech and~~
5 ~~specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data;~~
6 a ~~specifying step of specifying a content of the speech uttered by an utterer based~~
7 ~~on the words specified in the speech recognition step;~~
8 a ~~process specifying step of specifying a content of control to be performed on the~~
9 ~~on-vehicle device control device based on the specified content;~~
10 an information acquisition step of acquiring information via a predetermined
11 communication device; and
12 a speech output step of outputting a speech based on the information acquired in
13 the information acquisition step,
14 whereby when the control specified in the process ~~specifying~~ execution step is to
15 output information acquired in the information acquisition step, a speech is output based on the
16 information in the speech output step.

1 66. (Currently amended) ~~A navigation method comprising:~~The device control
2 method of claim 58 for controlling a navigation device mounted on a vehicle,
3 ~~a speech recognition step of acquiring speech data representing a speech and~~
4 ~~specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data;~~
5 ~~a specifying step of specifying a content of the speech uttered by an utterer based~~
6 ~~on the words specified in the speech recognition step; and~~
7 [[a]]wherein the process execution step of specifying specifies a content of a
8 navigation process to be performed based on the specified content of the uttered speech, and
9 ~~performing performs the specified navigation process.~~

1 67. (Currently amended) ~~A navigation method~~The method according to claim
2 66 further comprising:
3 ~~a speech recognition step of acquiring speech data representing a speech and~~
4 ~~specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data;~~
5 ~~a specifying step of specifying a content of the speech uttered by an utterer based~~
6 ~~on the words specified in the speech recognition step;~~
7 ~~a process specifying step of specifying a content of a navigation process to be~~
8 ~~performed based on the specified content;~~
9 an information acquisition step of acquiring information via a predetermined
10 communication device; and
11 a speech output step of outputting a speech based on the information acquired in
12 the information acquisition step,
13 whereby when the navigation process specified in the process ~~specifying~~
14 execution step is to output information acquired in the information acquisition step, a speech is
15 output based on the information in the speech output step.

1 68. (Currently amended) ~~[[An]]~~The device control method of claim 58 for
2 controlling an audio device, ~~a control method comprising~~
3 a ~~speech recognition step of acquiring speech data representing a speech and~~
4 ~~specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data;~~
5 a ~~specifying step of specifying a content of the speech uttered by an utterer based~~
6 ~~on the words specified in the speech recognition step; and~~
7 [[a]]wherein the process execution step of specifyingspecifies a content of a
8 speech process to be performed based on the specified content of the uttered speech, and
9 ~~performing~~performs the speech process, or ~~controlling~~controls an ~~external~~ audio device in such
10 a way as to cause the ~~external~~audio device to perform the specified speech process.

1 69. (Currently amended) ~~An audio device control method~~The method of
2 claim 68 further comprising:
3 a ~~speech recognition step of acquiring speech data representing a speech and~~
4 ~~specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data;~~
5 a ~~specifying step of specifying a content of the speech uttered by an utterer based~~
6 ~~on the words specified in the speech recognition step;~~
7 a ~~process specifying step specifying a content of a speech process to be performed~~
8 ~~by an external audio device based on the specified content;~~
9 an information acquisition step of acquiring information via a predetermined
10 communication device; and
11 a speech output step of outputting a speech based on the information acquired in
12 the information acquisition step,
13 whereby when the speech process specified in the process ~~specifying~~executing
14 step is to output information acquired in the information acquisition step, a speech is output
15 based on the information in the speech output step.

1 70. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~An information recording medium storing a
2 program which allows a computer to function as a device control device comprising:
3 speech recognition means ~~[[2, 3]]~~ which acquires speech data representing a
4 speech and specifies words candidates included in ~~represented by~~ the speech by performing
5 speech recognition on the speech data and calculates a likelihood of each of the specified words
6 candidates;
7 specifying means ~~[[7]]~~ which specifies words included in the speech based on
8 likelihoods calculated in the speech recognition means and specifies a content of the speech
9 uttered by an utterer based on the specified words ~~specified by the speech recognition means (2,~~
10 ~~3); and~~
11 a database which stores preceding controls, subsequent controls, and weighting
12 factors, each of which are associated with one another therein; and
13 process execution means ~~[[7]]~~ which specifies ~~[[a]]~~ content of a subsequent
14 control to be performed on an external device to be a control target based on a currently executed
15 control, a weighting factor stored in association with the currently executed control, and the
16 specified content of the uttered speech specified by the specifying means, and performs the
17 control.

1 71. (Currently amended) ~~A program which allows a computer to function as a~~
2 ~~device control device~~The information recording medium according to claim 70 further
3 comprising a program causing the computer to function as:
4 speech recognition means ~~[[2, 3]]~~ which acquires speech data representing a
5 speech and specifies words ~~represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the~~
6 ~~speech data;~~
7 specifying means which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer
8 based on the words specified by the speech recognition means ~~[[2, 3]]~~;
9 process specifying means ~~[[7]]~~ which specifies a content of control to be
10 ~~performed on an external device to be a control target based on the specified content;~~

11 information acquisition means [(7)] which acquires information via
12 predetermined communication means [(74)]; and
13 speech output means [(5)] which outputs a speech based on the information
14 acquired by the information acquisition means [(7)],
15 whereby when the control specified by the process specifying means [(7)] is to
16 output information acquired by the information acquisition means [(7)], the speech output
17 means [(5)] outputs a speech based on the information.

72. (Canceled)

1 73. (Currently amended) ~~A program which allows a computer to function as a~~
2 ~~speech recognition device comprising:~~ The information recording medium according to claim 71,
3 ~~speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech~~
4 ~~and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech~~
5 ~~data;~~
6 ~~specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer~~
7 ~~based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3);~~
8 wherein the process specifying execution means [(7)] which specifies a process
9 to be performed based on the specified content of the uttered speech.[:];
10 ~~information means (7) which acquires information via predetermined~~
11 ~~communication means (74); and~~
12 ~~speech output means (5) which outputs a speech based on the information~~
13 ~~acquired by the information acquisition means (7);~~
14 ~~whereby when the process specified by the process specifying means (7) is to~~
15 ~~output information acquired by the information acquisition means (7), the speech output means~~
16 ~~(5) outputs a speech based on the information.~~

74 and 75. (Canceled)

1 76. (Currently amended) ~~A program which allows a computer to function as~~
2 The information recording medium according to claim 70, wherein the computer is incorporated
3 in an on-vehicle device control device so constructed as to be mountable on a vehicle, having an
4 ~~external on-vehicle device mounted thereon, comprising:~~
5 ~~speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech~~
6 ~~and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech~~
7 ~~data;~~
8 ~~specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer~~
9 ~~based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3); and~~
10 wherein the process execution means [(7)] which specifies a content of control
11 to be performed on the on-vehicle device based on the specified content of the uttered speech,
12 and performs the control.

1 77. (Currently amended) ~~A program which allows a computer to function as~~
2 ~~an on-vehicle device control device so constructed as to be mountable on a vehicle having an~~
3 ~~external on-vehicle device mounted thereon, comprising~~The information recording medium
4 according to claim 76 further comprising a program causing the computer to function as:
5 ~~speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech~~
6 ~~and specifies words representing by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech~~
7 ~~data;~~
8 ~~specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer~~
9 ~~based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3);~~
10 ~~process specifying means which specifies a content of control to be performed on~~
11 ~~the on-vehicle device control device based on the specified content;~~
12 information acquisition means [(7)] which acquires information via
13 predetermined communication means [(74)]; and
14 speech output means [(5)] which outputs a speech based on the information
15 acquired by the information acquisition means [(7)],

16 whereby when the control specified by the process ~~specifying execution~~ means
17 [[(7)]] is to output information acquired by the information acquisition means [[(7)]], the speech
18 output means [[(5)]] outputs a speech based on the information.

1 78. (Currently amended) ~~A program which allows a computer to function as~~
2 The information recording medium according to claim 70, wherein the computer is incorporated
3 in a navigation device so constructed as to be mountable on a vehicle, comprising:
4 ~~speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech~~
5 ~~and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech~~
6 ~~data;~~
7 ~~specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer~~
8 ~~based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3); and~~
9 wherein the process execution means [[(7)]] which specifies a content of a
10 navigation process to be performed based on the specified content of the uttered speech, and
11 performs the specified navigation process.

1 79. (Currently amended) ~~A program which hallows a computer to function as~~
2 ~~a navigation device so constructed as to be mountable on a vehicle, comprising~~The information
3 recording medium according to claim 78 further comprising a program causing the computer to
4 function as:
5 ~~speech recognition means which acquires speech data representing a speech and~~
6 ~~specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data;~~
7 ~~specifying means which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer~~
8 ~~based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3);~~
9 ~~process specifying means which specifies a content of a navigation process to be~~
10 ~~performed based on the specified content;~~
11 information acquisition means [[(7)]] which acquires information via
12 predetermined communication means [[(74)]]; and
13 speech output means [[(5)]] which outputs a speech based on the information
14 acquired by the information acquisition means [[(7)]],

15 whereby when the navigation process specified by the process specifying
16 execution means [(7)] is to output information acquired by the information acquisition means
17 [(7)], the speech output means outputs a speech based on the information.

1 80. (Currently amended) ~~A program which allows a computer to function as~~
2 ~~an audio device comprising:~~ The information recording medium according to claim 70,
3 ~~speech recognition means [(2, 3)] which acquires speech data representing a~~
4 ~~speech and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the~~
5 ~~speech data;~~
6 ~~specifying means [(7)] which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an~~
7 ~~utterer based on the words specified by the speech recognition means [(2, 3)]; and~~
8 wherein the process execution means [(7)] which specifies a content of a speech
9 process to be performed based on the specified content of the uttered speech, and performs the
10 specified speech process, or controls an external device in such a way as to cause the external
11 device to perform the specified speech process.

1 81. (Currently amended) ~~A program which allows a computer to function as~~
2 ~~an audio device comprising~~ The information recording medium according to claim 80 further
3 comprising a program causing the computer to function as:
4 ~~speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech~~
5 ~~and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech~~
6 ~~data;~~
7 ~~specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer~~
8 ~~based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3);~~
9 ~~process specifying means (7) which specifies a content of a speech process to be~~
10 ~~performed on the specified content;~~
11 information acquisition means [(7)] which acquires information via
12 predetermined communication means [(7)]; and
13 speech output means [(5)] which outputs a speech based on the information
14 acquired by the information acquisition means [(7)],

15 whereby when the speech process specified by the process ~~specifying~~execution
16 means ~~[[7]]~~ is to output information acquired by the information acquisition means ~~[[7]]~~, the
17 speech output means ~~[[5]]~~ outputs a speech based on the information.